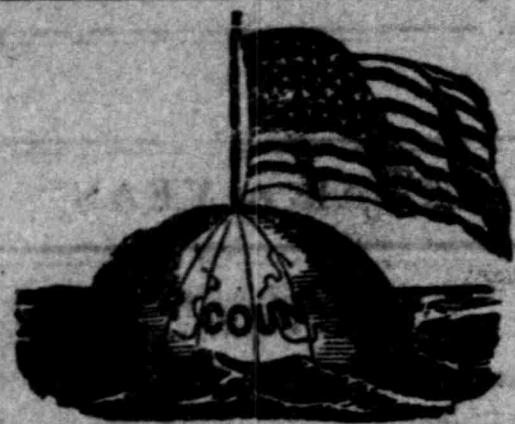


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Motto: The Banner, believing those at the top well able to take care of themselves, has taken its stand in the barricades with the common people and its fight will be made for the betterment of those at the bottom.

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Balloon insurance is the latest.

Joe Blackburn is slated as a candidate for governor of Kentucky.

Those New York newspapers are trying hard to sidetrack the Bryan movement.

The Florida newspapers are solid for Editor Watterson for vice-president on the Bryan ticket.

The Atlanta Journal thinks that Hoke Smith is the greatest orator Georgia has produced since the death of Bob Toombs.

The Augusta Chronicle breathlessly inquires "Where is the best English spoken?" Under the pale light of the moon in smothered accents.

The Mercury is the name of a new paper just started at DeLand. It is devoted to Broward and the drainage scheme. It seems to have a bad attack.

Chairman Shonts is quoted as saying that the Panama canal will never be built with negro labor, owing to its unreliability. They will do good work if you get the right kind of men for bosses.

A Macon preacher recently advised his flock to this effect: "Let's have an old-fashioned revival. Let the women hug the women and the men hug the men." That was not the tradition nor custom when we lived in Georgia.

There are at present 12,000 boys under sixteen years of age in the coal mines of the United States, 7,500 small boys are at work in glass factories and 20,000 little children under twelve years of age are employed in cotton factories.

If Bryan tries to go to all the places that are signifying their desire to give him a rousing welcome on his return home he will have to employ two or three understudies or slight somebody or be worn to a shadow by the continuous performance. — Tampa Times.

It appears rather early to be selecting Bryan's cabinet, yet the Ocala Banner names ex-Governor Jennings for a portfolio in case of the Nebraska election in 1908. Keep your eye on the ex-governor. The Bryan boom may serve him as well in 1908 as it did in 1900. — Gainesville Sun.

Bishop Crowdy, the apostolic prophet of the new negro sect known as the Church of God and Saints of Christ, with headquarters at Washington, has issued this command to his congregation: "All unmarried women of the church must wed within a week or be excommunicated."

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are now in England. Mr. Bryan has been received with great cordiality by leading people in England, and has been the guest of many prominent people. Preparations for his reception in New York are very elaborate and he will be greeted on his return by men of all factions in the democratic party. — Christian Advocate.

Arrangements have been made with a florist by E. V. Blackburn to plant on the Wells property, just north of the city, ten thousand fine roses, together with a number of other fine flowering plants. The work will begin in a week or ten days, and will represent an outlay of several thousand dollars. The object of this extensive planting of roses is to supply northern cities in winter. — Miami News.

The crop of gubernatorial candidates grows as rapidly as grass during a rainy season. Those now mentioned are: Cromwell Gibbons, W. J. Bryan, Jacksonville; Jennings of Pensacola; Horace C. Gordon, Tampa; J. W. Watson, Miami, and E. S. Crill, of Palatka. The latter has not announced his intention of entering the race, but sentiment is crystallizing in his favor all over the state. He is recognized preeminently as the man best fitted for the governorship under present conditions. — Gainesville Sun.

TOM WATSON'S OFF DAY.

In his ten-column volley fired at the editor of the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph, Mr. Watson starts out by saying: "Prior to the civil war the people of the south were a well-educated constituency, for they were constantly listening to the best debaters, to such men as Clay and Webster and Calhoun, to Stephens and Toombs and Ben Hill, to Walter Colquitt, Herschel V. Johnson and Joseph E. Brown, to John Randolph, George McDuffie and Sergeant Prentiss.

"Stupid indeed was the citizen who was not well informed upon state and national affairs. The voter who followed Henry Clay did so upon principle, realizing what his ballot meant. The voter who preferred Andrew Jackson did so upon principle, well aware of the differences which divided the two great leaders. No southern man voted ignorantly. Every ballot was intelligent. The vote for Toombs and Stephens meant one thing; the vote for Ben Hill meant another. To follow Calhoun and McDuffie, the voter did not travel the same road with his neighbor, who believed in John Forsyth and William H. Crawford.

"The minds of the common people were enlarged and elevated by intellectual appeal; the hearts and the conscience of the people were stirred and thrilled by invocation to right, to justice and to love of country; and the natural consequence was that almost every intelligent citizen of the southern states was in full possession of every material fact bearing upon every important public question. It is very different now.

"The average voter hears but one side. The average ballot has ceased to represent mental conviction based upon a full knowledge of the issues involved. Consequently the voters of the south, with the exception of those who were educated by the Farmers' Alliance, are almost totally in the dark as to the designs and principles of those politicians who arrogate to themselves the position of 'leaders.' The voters of the south are almost totally in the dark as to the true ownership, control and purposes of the great daily newspapers which have usurped the right to supply the people with facts and to form those opinions which must be vindicated at the ballot box." — Tom Watson in Atlanta Journal.

Never was a statement more erroneous. There never was a time when the people were so well informed as they are now.

When Mr. Bryan made his wonderful campaign in 1896 his speeches were printed in full in all the daily newspapers of the country. Mr. McKinley's and Mr. Roosevelt's speeches were also printed in full. Even Mr. Watson's speeches were printed in full by the newspapers of the country.

Mr. Bryan's, Mr. McKinley's and Mr. Watson's letters of acceptance were all printed in full in the daily newspapers.

When Mr. Taft made his speech at Goldsboro, N. C., the other day, the purpose of which was to build up a republican party in the south and destroy the solidarity of the south, his speech was printed in full by all the daily democratic newspapers in the south as well as in all other sections of the country.

This was not the case in the olden times. Mr. Webster, Mr. Clay, Mr. Calhoun and General Jackson spoke to comparatively small audiences in only a few places, and their speeches were never printed in full by the daily newspapers, and no one knows this better than Mr. Watson.

This is the enlightened era, it is the "golden era," it is the era of tolerance and moderation. It is the era in which all the facts are placed before the people and they are placed in a position to draw their own inferences and conclusions as never before in the history of the world.

In a dispatch to the Florida Sun, a few days ago, Governor Broward, who was then in the Everglades, announced that the first dredge was then "digging mud." The governor should by this time have enough of the stuff on hand to sling back at "the subsidized press," which has been clamoring against the further expenditure of money on a scheme which is considered by experts to be impracticable. — Fernandina News.

Hereafter the "opened by mistake" excuse will be a mistake that will cost \$200. The postoffice department has ruled that mail must be looked over before leaving the office, and — at any letter put in your box by mistake must be returned before leaving the postoffice under a penalty of \$200 for failure to do so. — Madison New Era.

The democratic executive committee, of the eighth Mississippi congressional district has formally declared John Sharpe Williams the party candidate for congress from that district.

Charles F. Murphy says in New York that it is possible that Tammany Hall will support Wm. R. Hearst for the democratic nomination for governor.

According to the Palatka News, the Hon. John P. Wall, heretofore the "watchdog" of the state treasury from old Putnam, but who is now a high private in the rear ranks because he "bucked" Dr. E. C. Crill for the position of state senator, has read himself out of the democratic party which for so many years honored him by sending him to Tallahassee to make laws for the people. The Hon. John, according to the News, which is altogether trustworthy and reliable, says that he will not support some of the nominees. In which respect, in view of the fact that the nominees do not need his vote, his vote is immaterial and his position is unfortunate for — Mr. Wall. — Leesburg Commercial.

Whatever else may be said of the Hon. W. J. Bryan, this is to be written in large letters to his credit: He is not only a Presbyterian elder, but he is a thorough Christian. He has conscientiously kept the Sabbath day in his travels. Recently he declined a dinner to be given in his honor on Sabbath day, saying: "I am sorry, but it's Sunday, and I go to church. Won't you go with me?" What a vast difference it would make if all our public men were of this stamp! — North Carolina Presbyterian.

Floridians generally regret that Hon. W. K. Zewadski, of Ocala, and his excellent family have moved to Springfield, Ill., to reside. Mr. Zewadski has been one of Florida's best and most useful citizens and a zealous Christian worker for all that was good and best. He and family carry the best wishes of Floridians with them to their new home, and may they keep well and prosper. The True Democrat is to visit them regularly. — Tallahassee True Democrat.

Hon. Newton A. Blitch has recently inspected the convict camps in Dade county. The reports of these prison inspections should be made public and the visits of the inspector should be made often. Outdoor work is all right for the prisoners, but they should be treated humanely, should receive wholesome food and be comfortably quartered. The office of prison inspector is the most important in the state.

"Do yez remember the talk about sojns and superstitions the other evenin', Mrs. Flanagan?" "Oido." "Have yez thried the horseshoe yet?" "Faix, an' we have, an' it worruked to wonst. It hadn't been up two hours before it fell on Michael and broke open his head. Now all he has to do is to lie in bed and draw 'is money from the lodge." — Washington Star.

A man traveling for a Chicago picture firm left Sanford and forgot to pay his hotel bill. The Chronicle describes him as being "tall, slender, wears light gray pants and a brown hat." It says, "when he was asked his name he mumbled out something that no one could understand." — Lake City Index.

If you see him, lean and lonesome, Loafing sad around the town, Nervous, fidgety and moansome, Acting like a silly clown. If you hear his sigh and mention That each moment seems a day — Let us call to your attention That the poor man's wife's away!

Solicitor Bryan, of Jacksonville, has filed new information against the Jacksonville ice trust. W. S. Ware, one of the partners, has gone to jail in default of bail in order to take the case at once before the supreme court on habeas corpus proceedings.

A Kansas man named Stubbs wants a law passed making it a penitentiary offense for a candidate to give a voter cigars. We are also in favor of it, except that some brands offered should be a hanging offense. — Lake City Index.

The Syracuse Standard calls attention to the fact that, whatever may be said of the parsimony of the late Russell Sage, "nobody rises to accuse him of any form of crookedness or fraud."

The republican campaign managers heaved a sigh of relief when the bill to prevent contributions from corporations was defeated in congress. They need boodle badly just now to turn the tide of popular disapproval.

The Kentucky Press association, at its recent annual meeting, decided to charge five cents per line straight for all notices about candidates running for office.

The Miami barbecue will consist of 2,500 pounds of beef, 500 pounds of pork, 500 pounds of mutton and 10 barrels of potatoes; a sure big feed.

If it keeps on raining two or three inches a day for two or three weeks it will make things sloppy in exposed places. — Tampa Times.

Solicitor Bryan, of Jacksonville, has at last put an ice man in jail, but it was by the consent of the prisoner. — Tampa Tribune.

OPTIMISTIC MR. EDISON.

In the August number of Pearson's Thomas A. Edison gives expression to some optimistic views that are important not only in themselves, but in the identity of their author. The noted inventor believes that everything is working toward the uplift of the laboring man and that we are groping on the verge of another great epoch of the world's history. He cannot understand why anyone in the United States should think the poor man's chance for success is less than it used to be. In his opinion, the situation is just the contrary.

"I would rather begin now as a poor boy," he says, "than to start again in the conditions which surrounded my early life. The opportunities for a poor boy or a poor man are greater today than they were then; make no mistake about that."

It is on "the cry for brains" that Mr. Edison dwells most. On this subject he has this to say:

"Great organizing minds have massed capital, systematized business, eliminated waste of material and labor, and concentrated the forces of production along lines that grow more intelligent and humane year by year.

"The world is crying for men of intelligence. It is searching for them everywhere. The door of opportunity is open, as it has never been before, for men who have minds even a fraction above what is necessary for a routine, muscular task. It doesn't matter whether a man be poor or rich, or what his color or creed or origin, he has a better chance now than if he lived a generation ago — that is, if he can bring intelligence to his work.

"This is the golden age for men of brains, even a little brains, and I'd rather, much rather, take my chances now, without a friend or a dollar in my pocket, than to go back even twenty years.

"The world is growing better and stronger all the time, and the invitation to think is becoming almost irresistible in every branch of human effort. That is raising the race higher and higher.

"As science is applied to industry more and more the rewards of intelligence grow greater, and today there are in thousands of factories 'suggestion boxes' into which workmen are urged to drop any ideas that may occur to them — so hungry are those who direct business to advance men capable of advancement."

In these days, when griggish millionaires, who inherited their millions, are filling the newspapers with their socialistic theories, all the while luxuriating in their capital, or are talking about the terrible sufferings of the workman, all the while clutching on to their heritage of gold; when idlers preach pessimism in lieu of helping their fortunes by working and producing for themselves the wealth they envy in others — in these days it is refreshing to hear such words from a man who rose from obscurity and poverty to his present eminence and affluence by dint of work, grit and brains. He did not shirk and croak. And for those who are willing to forego mouthing and idleness and to apply their energies and wits to the tasks which the world lays before them, he sees greater opportunities than either he or anyone else has ever known before. — Courier-Journal.

Hon. Frank Harris of the Ocala Banner is placed in like position with the man who puzzled his think tank with the query as to what he would rather do or go fishing. He has been nominated both for governor and editor of the Times-Union. We've a mind to break in on his reverie by nominating him for chaplain of the United States senate. No man who has read his excellent lay sermons could for a moment doubt his fitness for the job. — Palatka News.

Archbishop Ireland has accepted an appointment as aide-de-camp on the staff of Commander-in-Chief James Tanner, and will ride in his carriage in the Grand Army parade at Minneapolis on August 15. Archbishop Ireland served in the civil war as chaplain of the Fifth Minnesota regiment.

The building of that railroad from Jacksonville to Key West will be a greater monument to leave to one's memory than the pyramids or obelisks of Egypt or the tombs described by Bryan in his travels.

What possesses District Attorney Jerome to go marching through Georgia at this time of year is inexplicable on any other hypothesis than the fact that watermelons are ripe. — Anconda (Mont.) Standard.

The suddenly rich have to go all the stunts. But if we belonged to the "gang" we would rebel when it came to being operated on for appendicitis.

It is a hard matter to work up an interest in the drainage scheme, either for or against it.

Floridians are bidding on the Panama canal bonds. This tells its own story.

A FRIEND TO CIVILIZATION.

In one respect Mr. Alfred Beit, whose philanthropy was noted in these columns some days ago, in the terms of his will surpassed in originality his brilliant associate, Cecil Rhodes.

Mr. Beit left six millions with which to endow the "Cape to Cairo" railway and telegraph lines, because he believed that "by the promotion, construction and furtherance generally of railways and telegraphs, including wireless telegraphy, or other methods of transmission of persons, goods and messages, civilization will best be advanced and expedited in Africa for the benefit of the inhabitants of the country, whether natives or immigrants." "I know from experience," continued Mr. Beit, "how difficult it is at times to find funds for the construction of such methods of transmission in new, sparsely settled and undeveloped countries."

This feature of Mr. Beit's will has received the highest commendation of the enlightened press of the world, in Great Britain, America and elsewhere. It is stated that he did a noble thing in making a princely donation to the country where he made his great fortune, and for the purposes above named.

Mr. Henry M. Flagler, while he is yet alive, has done precisely for Florida what Mr. Beit proposes in his will to do for South Africa. There is this difference between the two men, Mr. Beit made his fortune in Africa, while Mr. Flagler is spending in Florida the fortune he made elsewhere. Where Mr. Beit proposes to spend six million dollars for the promotion, construction and furtherance generally of means of transmission, Mr. Flagler has already spent many millions and proposes to spend many millions more. When he shall have finished the work he now has under construction he will have spent, perhaps, a sum approaching fifty million dollars in a state like South Africa, whose population is sparse and resources undeveloped.

Certainly Mr. Flagler has been and is Florida's great benefactor.

The Florida Sun attempts to cast slurs at Col. R. W. Davis because his name has been mentioned in connection with the governorship race. The low dirty flings of a peanut politician who sets himself up as an editor of a state paper are too little to be noticed. Colonel Davis is a man of brains, common sense and honesty and is a friend of the people. The Sun has not selected any candidate for this office yet, but it will in due course of time. Colonel Davis in our opinion, has no idea of entering the race. He told the writer several months ago that he was not financially able to enter into a political contest. The last dollar he possessed was spent in the last campaign and his friends in many cases went back on him. — Lakeland Sun.

It is stated that the administration candidate for speaker of the incoming legislature will be George G. Mathews, of Ocala. Before stripping for the race, the gentleman from Marion should consult Mr. Brown of Duval, or Mr. Rawls, of Leon. — Palatka News. The above is news to the gentleman's friends at home. — Ocala Banner. And yet, right on the heels of this confession of ignorance, comes a letter from Mr. Mathews, stating that he is a candidate. — Palatka News. But does the letter say that he is the "administration candidate"? He did not make his campaign along those lines.

A Florida newspaper office printed some cloth handbills for a traveling show. It busted and these bills were never called for, and the thrifty wife of the editor used the cloth to line little Johnny's pants. As months rolled by the pants grew threadbare, and at school one day Johnny accidentally tore the seat out leaving a foot of the lining in sight, and the boys were surprised to read the following words standing out in plain type: "Doors open at 7:30, performance begins at 8 o'clock." — Madison New Era.

Here is something to think about. The Live Oak Democrat is our authority for the statement that North Carolina has \$141,000,000 invested in cotton factories; South Carolina, \$113,000,000, Georgia, \$135,000,000, and Florida not a cent. Can anybody give a good reason for this startling contrast in the industrial enterprise of state which lie alongside each other?

The Lincoln republicans of Pennsylvania have invited some of the members of the cabinet to speak in that state for the reform ticket, but there does not seem to be one that is not allied with the machine organization, for none of them have accepted the invitation. This shows how far reform is advocated by the administration.

Editor Watterson's boom for second place on the Bryan presidential ticket is to be fortified by a grand reception to the distinguished traveler at Louisville. — St. Augustine Recorder.

BROTHER DICKEY'S PHILOSOPHY

It don't make no diff'ence ter me whether de worl' is roun' or flat. De leadin' question wid me is how ter stan' steady 'pon top of it.

Many a time w'en a politician feels lak de officer is a-seekin' of him, it des a twitch of de rheumatism, or a sign dat de co'nfiel' needs hoelin'.

Dar's one thing ter say in favor of satan: W'en he go ter church he keep his eye wide open whilst de rest of dem is sleepin' thoo de sermon.

De only way you kin git some folks ter travel de road ter heaven is ter te. 'em dat milk en honey's free, en dey won't hatter tip-toe ter scrape dust off de stars.

It's de early riser dat wins in de life-race. Adam gone ter sleep once en sleep too long; en you sees what trouble we been in ever since!

Befo' dis century over I wouldn't be 'tal surprised ef dey raised de dead — but I don't want ter be in ten miller de place whar dey rise at. — Atlanta Constitution.

The governor generals, governors, prefects and other Russian officers have been sent telegrams commanding them to keep order no matter how stringent the means necessary to accomplish it. They have been instructed to use their own judgment in carrying out the order of the government. This is taken to mean that there will be a wholesale slaughter of rioters. The members of parliament who were at Viborg, Finland, day before yesterday, returned to St. Petersburg yesterday. That they were not arrested was a surprise to them and their sympathizers. The committee appointed by them to continue the work mapped out by them will meet today, unless prevented by troops.

One of the manias of the king of the Belgians is building. King Leopold, who spends almost as much time out of his country as he does in it, has several residences which he seldom or never visits, yet he is constantly adding to them. He has a fine place in Brussels, but when within his own domains he prefers to spend his time in the country. He is also the richest monarch in Europe, so far as real estate is concerned.

At the recent international council of women held in Paris the fact that comparatively so few American women knew French and English was commented upon. Mrs. Mary Wright Sewell, who was president before the Countess of Aberdeen was proficient as is Lady Aberdeen in these languages, and no woman who cannot speak three languages, English, French and German, will hereafter be eligible to that position.

Accurate tab has been kept on Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador, since he arrived in Washington and nobody ever saw him without a cigar in his mouth or in his hand, just ready to put into his mouth, except when he was at a state function of dining, and then he always smoked between courses.

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